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SUBJECT: F-104 REPLACEMENT

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1. GEOFFREY PARSONS, NORTHROP EUROPEAN REPRESENTATIVE, REPORTED TO AMBASSADOR JUNE 13 A CALL BY NORTHROP VICE PRESIDENT TOM JONES AND HIMSELF ON PRIME MINISTER TINDEMANS REGARDING NORTHROP'S PROPOSAL FOR A F-104 REPLACEMENT. DURING CALL TINDEMANS STATED THAT "HE COULD NOT SEE AFTER WHAT THE FRENCH HAD DONE TO ISRAEL ON AIRCRAFT SUPPLY HOW NATO COULD BUY A FRENCH AIRCRAFT."

2. COMMENT: ASSUMING TINDEMANS' STATEMENT IS ENCOURAGING. OFFICIAL STATEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT HAVE BEEN LARGELY NEUTRAL UNTIL NOW, I.E. THAT GOB WAS STILL OPEN TO PERSUASION BY AMERICAN COMPANIES (SEE REF A). IN APRIL WE HAD BEEN TOLD BY A MEMBER OF TINDEMANS' CABINET AS VICE PRIME MINISTER THAT AN AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE THE SUPER MIRAGE F-1 HAD BEEN MADE IN PRINCIPLE AND WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT TO CHANGE (SEE REF B). TINDEMANS' MORE RECENT STATEMENT MAY REFLECT HIS OWN THINKING AND NOT THAT OF GOV, BUT
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